



## COUNCIL CORNER



Spring is here! With all we offer, why not get outdoors and enjoy our beautiful Village? Exciting things happening this spring include:

1. Our I.S.O. or Fire Insurance Rating recently improved to a "3". These ratings are performed by the State of Ohio on a 1-10 score, with 1 being the highest rating. This is great news for businesses and homeowners and should result in better insurance rates.

2. We have a new Zoning Inspector. Jacob Barnes was hired in January as a private contractor and will enforce the Village Zoning Code. This will include

enforcement of signs, fences, and property maintenance issues. His many years of experience in zoning enforcement will keep Whitehouse a great place to live and work.

3. This summer, State Route 64 will be resurfaced. Other summer projects include resurfacing of Oakbrook Drive and rebuilding Rupp Road and replacing the bridge.

4. Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to watch for children at the Blue Creek Recreation Area on Providence Street. Many are dropped off for soccer games and practices while others are playing in the area when siblings are on the soccer fields. Be cautious, obey the speed limits and u-turn restrictions, park in designated areas, and always watch for children running between cars.

Let's all make this season green, warm, and safe in Whitehouse!

*Respectfully submitted by  
Council President Bill May*

## QUICK NOTES

### Address Signs

Reflective address signs help 9-1-1 personnel save lives. On rural roads and dark streets, house sign visibility is imperative. If you would like to purchase one for \$10, please call the fire station at 419-877-0363 to place an order. Signs can be created vertically or horizontally.

### Sign up!

Don't forget to sign up to receive emails from the Village. You'll be notified of meeting dates and other important events! Go to [www.whitehouseoh.gov](http://www.whitehouseoh.gov)

## FUNDRAISER FOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

The planned Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Whitehouse is intended to serve the entire Anthony Wayne region. An upcoming event with the Waterville Chamber of Commerce will help benefit the funding of construction.

The 2017 Fire & Ice Gala on April 8, 2017 at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids will include a bourbon and wine tasting event and art auction. The live and silent auctions feature pieces from local artists and businesses. Tickets are \$60 per person. Details and registration are available online at [watervillechamber.com](http://watervillechamber.com).

To donate directly to Veterans Memorial Park, visit the Village's website at [whitehouseoh.gov](http://whitehouseoh.gov). Thank you!



*Submitted by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Councilmember*

## STORMWATER COALITION—HELP PREVENT POLLUTION

Whitehouse is a member of the TMACOG Stormwater Coalition, which provides a forum for local governments to address drainage, erosion, stormwater pollution and stormwater management regulations. In February 2017, Whitehouse Council adopted legislation to implement a stormwater management program which sets forth the regulations, enforcement procedure, and penalties.

Interesting factsheets are available to help you get involved in stormwater issues in our community. Each factsheet is full of information and many include tips to help reduce stormwater



pollution. Topics, include: fertilizing your lawn, putting yard waste to work, pool and hot tub draining, car washing, green infrastructure, preparing gardens, drain stenciling, snow and ice removal, pet pollution, FEMA and flood risk, great ditches-great lakes, drains are for rain, not paint, and more! Visit <http://whitehouseoh.gov/departments/public-service/stormwater-pollution-prevention/> for copies of the Factsheets.

## NEVER LOOK AT YOUR TREE THE SAME WAY AGAIN

The Whitehouse Tree Commission will host a seminar on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:00 am, at the Whitehouse Municipal Building, 6925 Providence Street, called *Lichen Insights, Never Look at Your Tree the Same Way Again*. Janet Traub, a member of Ohio Moss and Lichen Association and the Whitehouse Tree Commission, will talk about lichens on our trees. The Urban Forestry Section of the Division of Forestry of ODNR says that questions from homeowners regarding lichens on their trees are common. What are lichens and what are the various forms they take? Over the ages the understanding of lichens has followed an interesting path, sometimes charged with high emotions from the differing camps. With up-to-date information, we will learn about lichens' relationships with trees.



*Submitted by Janet Traub, Tree Commission Member*

## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Whitehouse Police Department, Waterville Police Department, and Waterville Township Police Department will offer an AW Area Citizens Police Academy (CPA). The CPA is open to adults, age 18 and over, who live or work in the area.

CPA provides the opportunity for participants to have a unique look into the inner-workings of their police agencies, and to learn what it takes to police in our modern society. During the 10-week course, officers from each agency, and members of the judiciary, will educate participants on the various job duties through classroom lecture and hands-on activities. The goal of the CPA is not to make citizens police officers, but to enhance relations between the police and the citizens they serve.

Beginning September 14, 2017, participants will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm to receive training in areas such as police use of force, investigations, first aid, traffic radar, police canines, and the courts.

CPA Applications are available at [whitehouseoh.gov](http://whitehouseoh.gov) (Forms) or at Village Hall. There are a limited number of seats available. Applications will be accepted until August 15, 2017, or until filled.

*Submitted by Chief Mark McDonough*

## HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hope United Methodist Church traces its roots in Whitehouse back to 1866 when the first Methodist Episcopal Society in the village was officially organized. The congregation began meeting in log homes and a log school house until moving to the current location in 1956 at 10610 Waterville St.

By pooling its resources with other United Methodist Churches, Hope Church is able to have a global impact in sharing God's love through fighting hunger and poverty, and providing disaster relief, clean water, agricultural projects, schools, and medical care, both in developing nations and the U.S.

Hope Church is also committed to serving God by serving others in the AW community. The Hope Child Care Center provides safe, Christian-based pre-school instruction and child care, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm weekdays. Other ministries include a Wednesday Community Lunch which is enjoyed by 200-250 people each week; the Hope Chest, which sells gently used items and donates the proceeds to missions; and the Quilts of Love, which makes children's quilts for area hospitals and shelters. Hope sponsors a very active Boy Scout and Cub Scout troop and is host to a wide variety of Community activities, including men's basketball and a women's volleyball league.

Hope Church provides Christian education through our Child Care Center, Sunday School, youth group, and adult Bible Study opportunities. Hope members are given opportunities to financially support a "Mission of the Month" and are provided with monthly hands-on serving opportunities through "Hope on the Go." There are two Sunday worship services: Traditional at 9 am and Contemporary at 11 am.

In addition to Amy Meagher, who directs Hope Child Care Center, Hope has three other full-time ministry staff members: Angela Schroeder, Children & Youth Director; Steve Winters, Director of Discipleship; and Tom Hoover, pastor. Contact info: 419-877-5232 or [hopeunitedmethodist.com](http://hopeunitedmethodist.com).

*Submitted by Tom Hoover, Pastor*



## THE SHOPS AT BLUE CREEK

The Shops at Blue Creek, formerly known as the Anthony Wayne Plaza, was originally built in 1972, by the Woods family who owned and operated Woods Grocery Store and Meat Packing Plant. The plaza, much smaller then, was also home to a dentist office and small pharmacy.

Skip forward to 1983, when Glen W. Grainger, Jr. bought the property. In 1995, he expanded to allow space for additional tenants. Over the years, along with the grocery store and dentist, tenants have included a larger pharmacy, dry cleaner, barber shop, martial arts center, video store, variety store, coffee shop, tanning salon, and computer store.

In 2015, Sara C. Smith, daughter of Glen Grainger, took over the day-to-day operations of the shopping center as the Business Manager. Sara is very excited with the quality of tenants who now occupy the space and the fact that storefronts are 100% occupied! She attributes this success to three things: the residential growth in Whitehouse, excellent location near the AW Campus, and the fact that she has recently renovated much of the approximately 33,000 square foot space. Renovations include replacing the entire roof, new HVAC units, painting the exterior, and upgrading the outside lights to more energy efficient LED lighting. The former meat packing plant, more recently used as a warehouse, will be updated so that it too can be utilized as a tenant space. Future improvements to the shopping center include upgrades and repairs to the parking lot and with the continued growth in Whitehouse, future expansion of the shopping center to provide space for more tenants.

Current tenants include a Goodwill Retail Store, Edward Jones office, Vito's Pizza, Spotlight Dance Studio, General's Pharmacy, AW Physical Therapy, AW 24-hour Fitness Center, and Subway.

*Submitted by Village Staff*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS YEAR?

Flower and Farmers' Markets on Saturday mornings; Community Garage Sales on June 2 and 3; Concert in the Park on June 24 featuring The Free Band; Founders' Day Event on July 5 with food, music, games, and fireworks; annual Donut Eating Contest on July 29; Dancing in the Park on August 19; and BuskerFest on September 9.

A really exciting event this fall will be the Fall Frenzy at the Quarry on October 21. Activities include games, a chili cook-off, horse and carriage rides, RC boats and planes, food, bicycle races, music and an attempt to break a **Guinness Book of World Records!**

For additional information on all of these events, visit the Calendar of Events at [www.whitehouseoh.gov](http://www.whitehouseoh.gov).



## WHITEHOUSE LIBRARY NEWS

It all started with a third-grade class asking "Why can't we have a library?" The right people stepped up, secured the land, begged a building, and did all things necessary to allow books (which were also donated) to move in and get ready for lending.

**Did you know?** That YOUR library, is staffed by volunteers, retired teachers and librarians, moms, dads, high school students, and grandparents. It takes a minimum of thirty volunteers to staff YOUR library and we are always looking for more!

We offer a large volume of children's books, teenage literature, and adult first-run editions. We have books on CD's, videos, and WiFi. Programs for children (preschool – third grade) are offered the first Saturday of each month from 11 am to 12 noon. A summer reading program will be held May 20 – July 29, for preschool through 16 years. The "Book Nuts" adult reading club meets the second Monday of the month at Papoo's. Call the library for more information.

**Did you know?** We are NOT a member of the Lucas County Library system. Not a penny of your tax dollars goes toward running YOUR library. We charge a small fee for annual memberships and heavily depend on the generosity of our supporters. You can register at your local Kroger store so that a percentage of your expenditures go directly to the Whitehouse Library.

**Did you know?** We have a meeting room available for small groups. Contact the Library if you're interested.

If you have not been in the Whitehouse Library, please take the time to do so – you'll be amazed! For additional information and hours, check out the website at [www.whitehouseohiolibrary.org](http://www.whitehouseohiolibrary.org) or call 419-877-9088.

*Submitted by Bea Ludwig, Trustee President*

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IMPORTANT DATES



- Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission - 1st Mon, 7:00 pm
- Board of Zoning Appeals - 1st Wed, 7:30 pm
- Design Review Board - 1st Thurs, 6:30 pm
- Arts Advisory Board - 2nd Wed, 6:00 pm
- Tree Commission - 4th Thurs, 7:00 pm
- Refuse collection - Mondays
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt - April 15
- Easter Sunday - April 16
- Coffee With a Cop - April 25
- May - Flower Markets, Saturday mornings
- Arbor Day Celebration - May 5
- Memorial Day, offices closed - May 29
- Community Garage Sales - June 2 & 3
- Cherry Fest - June 8-10
- Concert in the Park featuring The Free Band - June 24
- Founders Day - July 5. Music, fireworks, bounce house, food

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**COFFEE WITH A COP**



**April 25, 2017 from 8:00 - 9:30 am at Papoo's**  
Come and join us to meet with members from Whitehouse Police, OSP Post #48, Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Waterville City Police, and Waterville Township Police.  
Many thanks to Papoo's restaurant for hosting and the Anthony Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this program.

**ANTHONY WAYNE YOUTH FOUNDATION**

It's almost that time again... time to take advantage of the warmer temperatures and get the kids out to play, and the fields at Blue Creek Recreation Area (BCRA) are soon going to be a busy hub with all kinds of activity!!! The Anthony Wayne Youth Soccer League is scheduled to begin league play April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Anthony Wayne Jr. Generals Baseball Club is going to host Dream Park in an Opening Day Baseball Tournament on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. The concession stand will be open and ready for business to enjoy a cool beverage, hotdog or bag of popcorn!!

Did you know youth activities and recreation play a significant role in youth development? The Anthony Wayne Youth Foundation (AWYF) helps to build community spirit, increase social interaction, as well as improve health and fitness. We believe in this community and this community believes in programs and opportunities for our kids. If you haven't yet registered go to **awcommunity.com** and see what's happening and how you can get your family involved!!

Blue Creek is not *just* for youth sports. All ages can take a stroll, go fishing or canoeing, enjoy the sunshine, or have a picnic "pick me up" by the quarry. The AWYF is partnering with the Village of Whitehouse and the Metroparks to highlight this gem in our community known as Blue Creek. Watch for details about Fall Frenzy at the Quarry on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Submitted by Mandi Brannan, Administrator*